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David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

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Judge Andrew Edison.  
United States Courthouse  
601 Rosenberg, Room 411  
Galveston, TX 77550

Dear Judge Edison:

I appreciate you taking the time to explain the history of the US Courthouse in Galveston. I especially enjoyed learning about how the statement "You've passed the bar" came about. It was also interesting to learn about the clock being stopped at 5:40 due to a Hurricane and the reasons and purpose of the smaller doors to your left.

As I stated in my brief moment before your bench, it would have been far easier to take a tour of the Courthouse vs. being sued by the US Federal Trade Commission to learn the history of the Courthouse. However, despite the circumstances I enjoyed being on the other side of the bar as an attorney pro se. It's hardly a way I would recommend for anyone to learn about the way the federal courts work, but I am going to make the best of the situation and cherish it for the experience and knowledge I will gain.

I was very impressed with your career. If my memory serves me correctly you have 25 years experience as a Trial Attorney, then serves for 10 years in the State Courts prior to accepting a judgeship with the Federal Courts. You come across as sincere, hard working, highly intelligent and dedicated to the spirit of fairness. I don't think anyone, whether a plaintiff or defendant, in any court could ask for more. I hope I am not coming across as a sycophant for that is not the purpose of my letter. I would be remiss and regretful if I didn't take the time to tell you what so many before me have witnessed.

A bit about myself. I'm 62, a US Military Academy at West Point attendee. I left West Point my "yearling" year (sophomore) because I've always wanted to become a multi-millionaire and realized the Army couldn't present that opportunity. In 1992, I founded Sunset Direct in Austin, using only my personal credit cards as my "venture capital." Within a few short years, my company Sunset Direct was named #28 on the Inc. 500, I had 350 employees, customers such as IBM, Intel, Google, Compaq, ATT, Sprint, Lucent . . . the whole who of technology and communication. Sunset offered outsourced sales and marketing services.

My only experience in litigation was when Compaq reneged on a marketing contract. Mithoff & Jacks of Houston represented me as plaintiff. I worked closely with Richard Mithoff and Tommy Jacks in a four year dispute in Travis County with Compaq as Defendant. Compaq settled out of court with us for six million dollars in 1997.

This is a personal letter. It has nothing to do with my case before you or Judge Hanks. I apologize if I'm breaking protocol. I just felt you needed to know what those in your courtroom feel.

Respectfully,  
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Sincerely,

  
Doug Monahan  
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